

ABSOLUTE RATING: Unsatisfactory
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

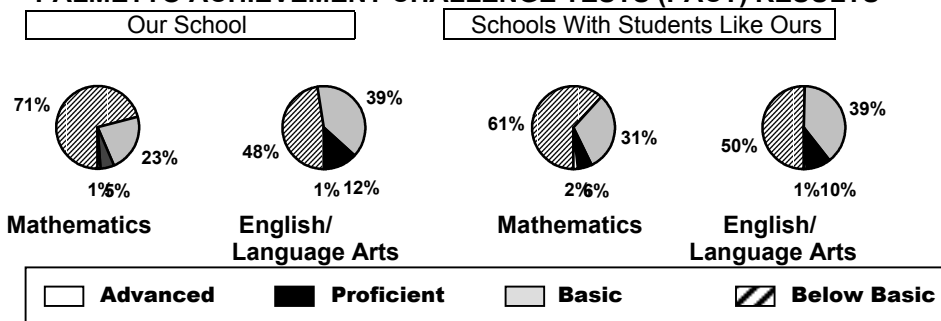
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 26. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to average. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=257)	52.5%	29.2%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=237)	57%	31.5%		
Gender				
Male (n=115)	48.7%	24.1%		
Female (n=128)	61.7%	36.7%		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=240)	55.8%	30.7%		
Hispanic (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
Other (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=220)	54.1%	31.2%		
Pay for lunch (n=17)	N/A	N/A		

SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$9,380	N/A	\$5,912	\$5,127
• Prime instructional time	N/A	N/A	87.1%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/A	N/A	21.7 to 1	21.4 to 1
STUDENTS (n=280)				
• Attendance rate	97.1%	Down from 98.1%	95.6%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	3.3%	N/A	13.2%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	3.3%	N/A	10.5%	4.0%
• Retention rate	2.8%	Down from 4.2%	8.1%	4.5%
TEACHERS (n=15)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5 Days	Down from 10.6	7.7 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	N/A	N/A	94%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	46.7%	Down from 50%	45.5%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	60%	Down from 70.6%	68.9%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	6.7%	Up from 0%	4.5%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	56.2%	Down from 61.9%	77.8%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,973	Up 3.3%	\$36,829	\$37,455

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	3.7%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	57.9%	N/A	60.7%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	N/A	N/A	2.5	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	N/A	N/A	81.5%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Poor	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	0%	Down from 62.2%	56%	45.8%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	8.6%	Down from 11%	11.1%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	N/A	N/A	11	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	N/A	N/A	7.5%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	11.3%	Up from 9.3%	5.7%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	10.3%	Up from 5%	15.7%	13.6%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Denmark-Olar Middle
137 East Green Street
Denmark, SC 29042

Grades 6-8 Middle School

Enrollment: 280 Students

Principal

Dr. Dorothy Fitzpatrick 803-793-3383

Superintendent

Dr. Walt Tobin 803-793-3346

Board Chair

Evert Comer, Jr. 803-793-3403



THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001



School Grade:
Unsatisfactory

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	Too few responses	61.5	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment		66.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	to report.	85.9	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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